A Collection of Prayers

For Family

and

For Private Use

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

St. Clement's Church, Eglinton
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St. Clement's Rectory

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Dear Friends;

In order that the personal touch, which has bound us together for so many years, might not be wholly lost, I have collected from various sources a few prayers which have helped many over the dark passages of life, in the hope, that, in your use of them, you might still hear my voice and feel my presence, and know my longing to help you to see more clearly the great heart of our FATHER throbbing with tender compassion and infinite love for your eternal good.

I ask you to accept this little book as a token of personal interest in you and love for you. God has wonderfully blessed us in St. Clement's Parish. We have indeed been a happy family, and my earnest prayer is that you may continue in unity and love, enjoying God's richest blessings until you all come in peace to His eternal home, and to Him be all the honor and glory, praise and thanksgiving both now and ever.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. POWELL.

Psalm xx.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2. Send thee help from the sanctuary; and strengthen thee out of Sion;

3. Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;

4. Grant thee thy heart's desire; and fulfil all thy mind.

5. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.

Psalm cxxi.

5. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.

8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Family Prayer

Lord, teach us how to pray aright
With reverence and with fear;
Though dust and ashes in Thy sight,
We may, we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer,
O grant us power to pray;
And, when to meet Thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we bring to Thee
A broken contrite heart;
Give, what Thine eye delights to see,
Truth in the inward part.

Faith in the only Sacrifice
That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
On Christ, on Christ alone.

Patience to watch, and wait, and weep,
Though mercy long delay;
Courage our fainting soul to keep,
And trust Thee though Thou slay. Amen.

Morning:

Read some portion of Scripture.

The Lord's Prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Whom we live and move and have our being; we, Thy needy creatures, render Thee our humble praises, for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives until this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To Thy watchful Providence we owe it (that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling; but that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day.) For these Thy mercies, we bless and magnify Thy glorious Name, humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for His sake, Who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

And since it is of Thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and Thy service, in a sober, righteous and godly life; in which resolution, do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In particular we implore Thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and hearts content with what Thou art pleased to send. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable, full of compassion, and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, and prosper the works of our

hands upon us. Defend us from all dangers and adversities, and be graciously pleased to take us and all our loved ones, under Thy fatherly care and protection. These things and whatever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants and pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon this parish, and grant unto it all things necessary for its spiritual welfare -- strengthen and confirm the faithful -- visit and relieve the sick -- comfort the bereaved -- turn and soften the wicked -- rouse the careless -- recover the fallen -- restore the penitent -- enable us to be true to our promises -- guide, direct and sanctify our Bishop and our Clergy -- remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy Truth and bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church to the honor and glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve and keep us now and evermore. *Amen.*

Evening:

Read some portion of Scripture.

Confession of sins with a prayer for contrition and pardon.

Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; we come before Thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold

transgressions of Thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, Who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Here let him who reads make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of the day.

And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs or inordinate desires may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to rest in peace, charity and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards men; that so we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for grace to reform and grow better.

And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of Thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto Thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve Thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us, and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Thy true religion and virtue. Send down Thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations,

The Intercession

friends and neighbours. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or who wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do Thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities; for His sake, Who went about doing good, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Thanksgiving

To our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies; for our being, our reason and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, food and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all we adore Thee in sending Thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty to Thee. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; for Thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day; beseeching Thee to continue these Thy blessings to us, and give to us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to His laws, through Whose merits and intercession we received them all, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

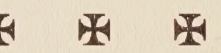
Prayer for God's protection through the night following.

In particular, we beseech Thee to continue Thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us, and all our absent loved ones, from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die; so that. living or dying, we may ever be Thine, through the merits and satis-

faction of Thy Son Jesus Christ, in Whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



Private Prayers

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With many a care opprest;
Let me Thy loving servant be,
And taste Thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point Thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal Brightness see,
And share Thy joy at last.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That I may sing above
Praise to the Father and to Thee,
And to the Holy Dove. Amen.

Morning:

When dressed, read a chapter or part of a chapter of God's Word, then kneel and say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

I thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for all Thy love and tender care. Thou hast brought me in safety to the beginning of this day; keep me in the same by Thy mighty power; defend me from all evil, harm and danger; make me pure and true in thought, word and deed; and may I in all things seek Thy honor and glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Holy Father, make me loving, gentle, patient and kind; teach me to feel for all in sickness, want or suffering; bless all for whom I ought to pray (Father, mother, sisters, brothers, friends, teachers and clergy); and when Thou makest up Thy jewels in Thy glorious kingdom, may we all be there and be Thine for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O God grant that Thy Holy Spirit may direct and rule my heart this day and forever. through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening:

Having read some portion of God's Word:

Before kneeling in prayer ask yourself these questions and answer each as in God's presence---

1. Did I pray in earnest this morning?
2. Have I used any kind of bad language?
3. Have I disobeyed those set over me? (Parents teachers or employers).
4. Have I been impatient, angry or unkind?
5. Have I been pure in thought, word and deed?
6. Have I cheated or stolen anything?
7. Have I told a lie?
8. Have I been lazy or discontented?

When you have learned your particular sins, kneel down and ask God's pardon ar follows:

I confess with shame and sorrow, O Heavenly Father, that I have sinned against Thee by (here tell God your sins); have mercy upon me, and forgive me these and all my other sins which I do not now remember; and strengthen me by Thy grace to love and serve Thee better for Jesns Christ's sake. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

O God, shield all my loved ones from harm, and danger; bless all for whom I ought to pray particularly (the members of my family, my friends, and all who minister everywhere in Thy Holy Service), and keep them under Thy protection now and ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Private Prayers in Church

On entering God's House, kneel and say:

O Heavenly Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast brought me again in safety to Thy House, Make me attentive, earnest and reverent; and may I so sing and respond during this service, that I may glorify Thee and help others. Bless all who worship Thee here this day, especially those who minister to us. Open our hearts and minds to Thy message, that we may so worship and serve Thee here below that finally we lose not the worship of Thy eternal House in Heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditate upon the following:

1. What am I doing for God's glory?
2. Where do I hope to spend Eternity?

During any pauses in the Services pray for:

1. Each member of your family, by name, asking a particular thing for each.
2. Those associated with you in business or in the house.
3. Your church. [What do you want it to be?]
4. Your clergy. [What do you want them to be?]
5. Your Sunday School, especially for the teachers over your children.
6. For any who are sick.
7. For young men and women.
8. For any living in known sin.

After the Service is over, remain kneeling and say:

Pardon, O Lord, the imperfections of our service; and give us grace, manfully, to fight under Thy banner against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Thy faithful soldiers and servants, until we come to our final rest; Who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

School Prayer

O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless our schools; give the teachers patience, wisdom and love; open the hearts and minds of the scholars to all good influences; take from us irreverence, impurity, dishonesty and all other forms of sin; protect from evil those now attending as well as those who have gone from this school; guide us along the pathway of life, and bring us safely to our true home with Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Bible Class

O Lord God, our Father, pour out, we beseech Thee, upon our Bible Class, Thy mercy and grace, that we may read and study Thy Word with reverence and spiritual understanding.

O Holy Jesu, Word of God, our Saviour and our King, be Thou to us the Way, the Truth and the Life.

O Blessed Spirit, Breath of God, fill us with living faith and zeal.

And Thou, Eternal Trinity, unite us in a service worthy of ourselves and Thee, that we may glorify Father, Son and Spirit now and evermore. Amen.

Choir Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, bless, we beseech Thee, all members of our choir; bestow upon them such measure of earthly prosperity as may be good for them, and keep them in health and safety. But far above all earthly blessings, we ask Thee to fill tbeir hearts with such reverence and holy fear that they may lead the worship of Thy house so acceptably here on earth, that finally they may join the worship of angels in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Rest in God

O Lord, Who art as the Shadow of a great Rock in a weary land, Who beholdest Thy weak creatures weary of pleasure, weary of hope deferred, weary of self; in Thine abundant compassion and unutterable tenderness, bring us unto Thy rest. Amen.

Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, of Thy great mercy, grant us, O Lord, a safe lodging, a quiet rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Sorrowful

O God, almighty and merciful, Who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy, let Thy fatherly goodness be upon all that Thou hast made. Especially, we beseech Thee, to remember in pity such as this day are destitute, homeless and forgotten of their fellow men. Bless the congregation of Thy poor. Uplift those that are cast down, mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by Thy heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose poverty tempteth them to sin. Though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Him, Who for our sakes became poor, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening:

The day is gone; and we give thanks, O Lord. Evening is at hand; make it bright to us. As day has its evening so also has life. Cast us not away in the time of age; forsake us not when our strength faileth us. Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Day is fled and gone; life, too, is going. Night cometh, and death also cometh. Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves; our spirit, soul and body. Thou didst make, and thou didst redeem them. Guard our lying down and our rising up, from henceforth and forever. Let us remember Thee on our bed, and search out our spirits. Let us wake up and be present with Thee. We will lay us down in peace and take our rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety. Hear us, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Children's Motto:

"ONWARD"

For God's Glory, your own perfection
and man's need, in

Order as **O**ne with one **O**bject in **O**bedience to Christ

Now before the **N**ight, a **N**oble band in **N**ame, to

Wage **W**ar with **W**orkers of **W**ickedness, having as

Armed **A**llies **A**ngels and **A**postles

Running with **R**everence and **R**esolution the way of **R**ighteousness

THAT YOU MAY OVERCOME

Darkness **D**anger **D**oubt **D**espair